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TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

Town Hall, 32 Main Street Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430

BOARD of ASSESSORS

Meeting Minutes May 8, 2013

Present: Donna L. Burton, Walter Harrington, Jeffrey Perkins, Linda Couture (RRG)

and Harald Scheid (RRG)

Note: Jeff Perkins was appointed by the Town Administrator, Selectmen Approved

however since he was not sworn into office he cannot vote, only voice opinion.

5:07pm **Meeting opened:**

Approved Agenda: Agenda was approved by the Board for May 8, 2013

Review and Approved Minutes:

Reviewed and approved minutes of April 10, 2013

Signed Documents:

The Board approved the motor vehicle abatements for the month of April 2013

RRG Update:

Harald and Linda met with Mr. Gerald Ellis of 21 Island Road regarding the unsatisfactory abatement he received from the Real Estate Abatements. The values were explained to Mr. Ellis with supporting documents that we stand by our decision and will not grant any further abatement. Mr. Ellis is contemplating on going to the ATB.

Also Mr. John Quill of 4 Mattakesett Circle was not satisfied with his Real Estate Abatement. Mr. Quill wanted to negotiate a middle area, but did not want to be monitored by the Assessors for any work in progress. Harald also noted Mr. Quill may file with the ATB. Linda stated she has supporting documents for the abatement given.

Motion by Walter to keep value as abated

Second by Donna Vote: All in Favor Animal Control Board of Health **Building Commission** Conservation Commission Council on Aging Cultural Council Electrical Inspector Gas & Plumbing Inspector Historical Commission Municipal Planning Parks & Recreation Planning Board Zoning Board of Appeals

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New Business:

Harald asked the Board to move up Preliminary Bills by 2 ½% so when the final tax bills are generated there would not be such a big impact. Donna asked if the percentage can be done in Munis (tax program), Harald replied that it is being done in other communities that operate Munis.

Motion by: Donna to accept Harald's proposal

Second by: Walter Board Vote: All in Favor

Next meeting June 12, 2013 at 5:00pm

Meeting adjourned: 5:50pm.

Submitted by: **Dana Burta**, Chair/Acting Clerk